

RICCA TERRA

2020 COLOUR OF CALMNESS

---VARIETAL MIX---
Negroamaro & Mataro

---REGION---
Riverland

---THE STORY---

After spending time working as a viticulturist in Southern Italy, Ricca Terra Farms' Ashley Ratcliff, fell in love with the locally produced pale red wines and how they enchanted the villagers that consumed them in iced filled tumblers under the summer sun. This moment in time brought an apparent 'calmness' to a busy vintage. The creation of rosé wine was never an afterthought for the Southern Italian winemakers with whom Ashley spent time. The careful selection of grape varieties that imposed flavour and natural acidity into a wine was paramount. Ashley has selected and planted a number of Mediterranean grape varieties at Ricca Terra Farms that produce amazing rosé wines.

---TECHNICAL STUFF---

Viticulture: The common sense of growing grapes is to limit inputs (water and fertiliser), produce commercially viable yields and make high quality wine! Combing drought tolerant rootstocks with high vigour grape varieties should be the essence when growing grapes in one of the driest countries in the world! Such a combination forces viticulturists to reduce inputs to control excessive vine vegetative growth and hence grow quality grapes. The Negroamaro & Mataro were hand pruned and hand harvested.

Soil type: red loam over limestone

Winemaking: Ten percent of this blend occurred in old barrels to elevate the complexity of this wine.

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